Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Richard A. Bartels was born in Gettysburg, South Dakota, on January 10, 1944, to Walter and Minnie Bartels, the fourth of six children. He graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1962 and married the love of his life, Sandra L. Forgey, on August 21, 1964; and,

Whereas, Rick worked on the family farm, started his own alignment shop, and moved to Onida, South Dakota, in 1979; and,

Whereas, Rick began his career with the state of South Dakota on August 17, 1992, as the maintenance mechanic for the South Dakota Highway Patrol. Richard's aptitude, dedication, and integrity have distinguished his career of nearly 17 years; and,

Whereas, Rick is a devoted father to son, Larry, and daughter, Susan, and a devoted grandfather to Amanda, Malory, Katelynn, Elizabeth, Jordan, and Deidre; and,

Whereas, Rick will retire on April 30, 2009, so he may spend time with his family and friends, attend his grandchildren's sporting events, fish, hunt, and travel; and,

Whereas, Rick's family, friends, coworkers, and colleagues join together in congratulating him on a successful career and a well-deserved retirement; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2009, as

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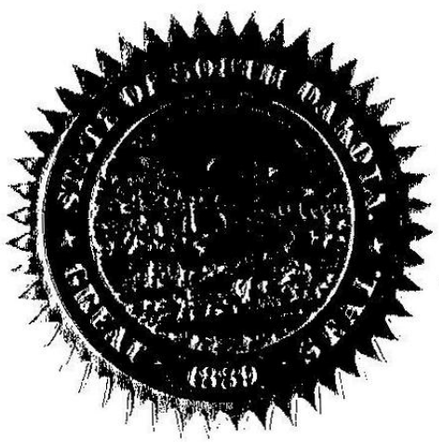
in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends, and family as they recognize Rick for the honesty, wisdom, and dedication shown throughout his years of service to the state of South Dakota and to the South Dakota Highway Patrol.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State